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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 1.136(a) AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a two (2) month extension of time, up to and including Tuesday, January 11, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$450.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, the Terminal Disclaimer fee of \$130.00 and any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, the period therefore having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, the claims are unchanged and are repeated for the examiner's convenience. Please consider the following remarks:

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Thus, incorporating the teachings of Takayama simply multiplies the inappropriate "bits and pieces" selection from the prior art references discussed at length above.

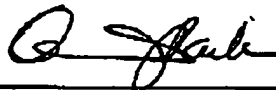
In light of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the rejections of record have been obviated, and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate examination of this application in any way, the examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

An executed Statement Under 3.73(b) and new Power of Attorney document are filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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